

RESPONSE TO BOARD REMAND AND RESPONSE TO REPLY BRIEF

1. The Reply Brief, filed 10/18/2004, has been received, carefully reviewed and entered. All issues have been addressed in the Examiner's Answer. The application is being forwarded to the Board of Appeals for further consideration.

2. The issues raised in the Board Remand, namely missing signatures of the conferees, has been corrected. See attachment.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be:

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